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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR GEORGE BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

All the members excepting Messrs. C. S. Panicker, Thattil Kochuvareed, Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar and Mrs. Dhakshayani Velayudhan, were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CHOWWARA--MATTANCHERI PIPELINE

മിസ്റ്റർ ജി. എസ്സ്. ഡാരാസിംഗ്: ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെന്റ് താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ. —

(എ) ചൊവ്വരയിൽനിന്നും മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിയിലേക്കുള്ള ഡബിൾ പൈപ്പ് ലൈനിന്റെ പണി എത്രത്തോളമായിട്ടുണ്ട്; ഇനിയും പണി മുഴുവനാകുവാൻ എത്രകാലം വേണ്ടിവരും;

(ബി) പള്ളത്തുരുത്തിയിൽനിന്നും പൈപ്പ് ലൈൻ തെക്കോട്ടു ഇടക്കൊച്ചിവരെ നീട്ടുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെന്റ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എപ്പോൾ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:

(എ) ഇതുവരെ ൧൨" പൈപ്പ് ലൈൻ ഉദ്ദേശം പകുതി ദൂരത്തോളം ഇട്ടുകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. ബാക്കിയുള്ളതിന്നു പൈപ്പുകൾ കിട്ടിയതിനുശേഷം ഏഴു മാസത്തിനുള്ളിൽ പണി കഴിക്കാമെന്നു ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു.

(ബി) ഇപ്പോൾ ജലവിതരണം ചെയ്യുവാനു സാധിക്കാത്ത പാലക്കാട് സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലേക്കുള്ള ജലവിതരണസംഗതി ൧൨" ഡബിൾ പൈപ്പ് ലൈൻ പുതിയായതിനുശേഷം അല്പാതെ ആരംഭിക്കണമെന്നു ചോദിക്കുവാൻ മാഗ്നമിഡ്.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE—OPERATORS—VILLAGE RADIOS

513. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the operators employed in Village Radio were granted D. A. (Dearness allowance)

(b) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative will they please inform as to the date till which the same was paid;

(c) will they please state when and why the same was discontinued;

(d) are the Government aware that even sweepers of Government buildings are granted dearness allowance;

(e) will the Government please state whether the amount already disbursed is being recouped and if so, why and on what particular orders of the Government;

(f) will they please state why these employees are to be treated in a different manner from others?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):

(a) Only two operators viz., those at Kattur and Vadakkancheri were paid D. A.

(b) Till the end of Thulam 1120.

(c) The Comptroller of Finance and Accounts objected to the payment.

(d) Yes.

(e) No.

(f) Steps are being taken to pay all the operators the Dearness allowance.

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Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): I may supplement the answer to (c) by the addition of the words 'before pre-audit'.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know how many radio operators are functioning in the State?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): I have not got the correct information just now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Is the House to take it that the Hon'ble Minister has no idea of the number of radio operators now functioning in the State.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): As to the exact number, I have no information just at present.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Am I to take it that only these two operators were given dearness allowance?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): Those who applied for it were given. They were first to apply and by the time other applications came the objection from the Comptroller came that the claim can be admitted only after pre-audit.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Should there be an application for the payment of Dearness Allowance?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): Bills will be submitted and these operators submitted bills claiming dearness allowance also. By the time other bills came up, there was this objection from the Comptroller.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Is it the position of the Hon'ble Minister that if there is no request from the Government servants dearness allowance will not be paid to them.

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): In the earlier stage the question of paying dearness allowance to part time employees was in an unsettled condition and definite Government orders had to be obtained. After Government orders were obtained all part-time employees including sweepers were paid.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know when these orders were passed?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): I want notice for the exact date.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Is not my question sufficient notice? When a question is sent up should not the member be ready with the connected information, Sir?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): We are ready with all possible information. But we do not know in what shape and in what tangent the supplementary questions come. The ingenuity of some Hon'ble Members are often too unimaginable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know what the Comptroller's objection was?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): The objection was for drawing the amount before pre-audit. There is a rule that if a due amount is not claimed within a period—I think it is 3 months or six months—it will have to be preaudited.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Finance is clear that preaudit is necessary after 3 or 6 months?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): So far as I remember, it is six months.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know whether it is a case of this dearness allowance not being claimed for 6 months?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): That is what I submitted to begin with. In the beginning stages of this dearness allowance, the question of half-time or part-time employees, was in an unsettled condition. Things had got to be clarified and definite orders had to be obtained. Till this was done, this was not claimed by some. Others claimed and we objected and final orders were taken from Government and now everyone of them is getting this allowance.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Do you say that they are getting it?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts): I do not know exactly whether they are paid. There is no objection to pay them dearness allowance.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know Sir, whether orders were taken from the Government by the authorities concerned after receipt of this question or before that.

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts): Long before that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know whether all the Radio operators are being paid now. In other words I want to know whether dearness allowance for this class of servicemen has been paid for the last month.

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts): It is stated here that steps are being taken to pay all the operators this dearness allowance. If the Hon'ble member wants to know whether they have been actually paid I want notice.

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Secretary to Government): They are being paid at present.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam): Was it a question of clarity or want of preaudit?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts): Both.

HOLIDAYS—SALES DEPARTMENT—AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL

514. Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many holidays are allowed for the staff in the Sales Department of the Ayurvedic Hospitals in the State;

(b) from what hour to what hour is the sales Depot at Ernakulam is kept open;

(c) on what days is the depot closed;

(d) how many holidays in a year has been allowed to the staff of the Ernakulam Ayurvedic Sales Depot;

(e) has the Superintendent of Ayurvedic called for explanations from the officer in charge of the Depot at Ernakulam for closing the Depot on Christmas day;

(f) give a caste-war statement of the staff in the said Depot as it stood at the last X'mas day?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):

(a) Only Sundays are allowed as holidays.

(b) From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(c) Sundays only.

(d) Sundays only.

(e) Yes.

(f) Vaidyan-in-charge Arayan

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Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated): May I know whether instructions have been given as to when the Sales depots must be closed and at what time they must be open?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): I think they are allowed holidays on Sundays.

Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated): May I know why Sundays are holidays?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): That is a general holiday for all.

Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated): Are hospitals given holidays on Sundays?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): Sales depots are not like hospitals. They are sales agencies. In hospitals medicines will have to be dispensed.

Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated): In as much as it is conceded that it is not a hospital and it is only a shop may I know why Christmas is not treated as holiday.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development): For convenience sake Christians who are employed in these places are given permission to absent themselves on Christmas days. Christmas is supposed to be a very important religious day for Christians and without inconveniencing the officers they are allowed to be away to attend to their religious functions.